

## Fatal Accident—Calamity to the President Elect.

The lamentable intelligence has reached the capital of an accident which occurred on Thursday in a train of cars on the Maine railroad, in which General Pierce, the President elect, and his family were passengers. The despatch states that the only son of General Pierce, a boy of ten years of age, and of the fairest promise, was instantly killed! Mrs. Pierce, too, was very seriously injured, and is said to have narrowly escaped death. General Pierce was himself much stunned, but fortunately sustained no further or dangerous injury. Ten or twelve other passengers were also more or less wounded at the same time. The sad accident is said to have been caused by the breaking of the axle-tree of one of the cars. The sympathy of the nation will be promptly extended to the afflicted circle.

It is to be hoped, also, that this sore calamity will call the attention of the people and of Congress, in such a way as to lead to the adoption of efficient measures to lessen the rapidly increasing accidents on railroads. It is high time something was done on the subject.

## Low Fares on Railroads.

The following article on the advantages to railroads of low fare for passengers, appeared in the Baltimore American on the 21st of October, 1850, and as this is the beginning of a new year, we re-publish it with a view of awakening the attentions of those concerned to the subject:

"The London correspondent of the Philadelphia North American, states in his last letter that the principal railroad companies in Great Britain are reaping rich harvests by running cheap excursion trains. The Great Western Company take passengers from London to Bristol and back, at eight, ten, and fourteen shillings each, according to the class of cars occupied by the traveler. The South Eastern Company issue tickets to Paris and back at thirty shillings each, and great numbers of the inhabitants of London were visiting the French capital. In one day no less than one thousand persons were conveyed from London to Brighton and back at the low rate of three shillings and sixpence. On all the railroads in Great Britain where cheap rates of fare have been introduced, the business of transporting passengers has increased in an astonishing degree, and we opine that similar results would quickly follow like reductions in the various railroads in the United States."

We have often wondered, adds the Baltimore Argus, why cheap travelling at stated periods at least, was not afforded to the multitude by the railroads in this direction. If excursion trains, at very low rates, pay so well in England, we see no reason why they should not be adopted here, if the old excuse, want of accommodation, be no longer raised. During the milder seasons of the year, it would prove a great relief to our toil-worn people to take a cheap trip, occasionally, some distance in the country on our railroads, and the health of our city would doubtless be materially improved by it.

The experiment of reducing the regular fare on the Washington Railroad has resulted in a great increase of revenue from that branch of the great western highway, and from this it is to be inferred that a sound policy dictates a reduction in the fare on every road leading to the city.

The Pennsylvania Legislature was organized at Harrisburg on the 5th instant, Mr. Carson, whig, was chosen Speaker of the Senate, by one majority, and the message of Governor Bigler was communicated to the two Houses.

The organization of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts was completed on the 5th instant, by the choice of Wm. Schouler, editor of the Boston Atlas as clerk.

The Senate was organized by the choice of Charles H. Warren, of Easton, as president, and Charles Calhoun, as clerk, both whigs.

In the House 283 votes were cast for Speaker. George Bliss, of Springfield, whig was elected—receiving 146 votes, to 80 for J. M. Usher, democrat, and 51 for Samuel Clark, free-soil, and 6 scattering.

Another outrage was perpetrated in Baltimore on Wednesday night. A hackman named John Judge, whilst coming out of the Virginia House, in South Calvert street, was knocked down and shot, two balls entering his body. He is said to have died yesterday morning. The parties who perpetrated the deed have not been discovered. An old feud had existed between Judge and some persons to whom he is said to have given offence.

## CONGRESS.

## Senate.

The Senate was not in session to-day.

## House of Representatives.

At the suggestion of Mr. Orr it was agreed that when the House adjourn to-day it will adjourn over until Monday next, for the purpose of attending, informally, the ceremonies of the Inauguration of the Jackson Statue, agreeably to the courteous invitation of the Committee of Arrangements.

Mr. Houston asked, but did not obtain, consent to report one of the general appropriation bills—all of which the rules of the House require shall be reported within thirty days after the appointment of the Committees.

On motion of Mr. Bowler, the Private Calendar was then taken up in Committee of the Whole, and most of the bills upon the Calendar acted upon.

It is sickening to the feelings of the readers of our city papers, to read the frequent reports of the destruction of life on our railroads.

The steamboat Fusileer, for Attakapas from New Orleans when near Ship Island, on Monday, exploded both of her boilers, killing the first mate, second engineer, and five or six hands. The captain was also terribly wounded, and will probably not recover. The steamer Texas, from Galveston, brought the survivors to this city.

A temporary injunction has been issued by Judge Roosevelt, of the Supreme Court of New York, against Jacob Sharp and his associates, enjoining them to desist from entering upon Broadway for the purpose of laying or establishing a railroad therein.

George D. Prentice, the facetious editor of the Louisville Journal, is forty-eight years of age, was born in Jewett City, Ct., educated at Brown University, and removed to Louisville in 1831. His celebrated paper attained the twenty-second year of its existence a few days since.

We have received No. 3 of Minnie's Mechanical Drawing Book. It is an excellent medium of self-instruction, and well worth the price of subscription. It can be had at James Wimer's store on 6th street, north of Pennsylvania avenue.

A man in Boston has erected a building six stories high, for a market and stores. The cost of the land and building was \$160,000. The two lower stories fitted up in market stalls have already been rented for \$18,000, leaving the other four stories to be rented.

The African Repository for January, '53, has been laid upon our table. The contents of this number embrace some twenty different articles, on subjects interesting to the friends of the truly benevolent enterprise to which it is devoted. We wish the work increased success.

CHINA.—The insurgents have had some success. They now threaten the line of communication with the province of Canton by the Meiling Pass, said to be held by a strong government force. After one engagement the insurgents put 30 military and civil officers and 1,330 people to the sword. An alarming fire broke out, Oct. 27, near Canton. Silk goods and foreign manufactures to the value of \$150,000 were destroyed.

It is said that a large number of pickpockets have left the Northern cities and gone on to Washington to be present at the Jackson monument ceremonies on the 8th of January. Visitors to the seat of Government should be on the lookout for pickpockets.

The construction of the Crystal Palace, in New York, is prosecuted with energy, and its completion is assured in season for the opening of the exhibition on the 2d of May next. Meantime, arrangements are in progress to secure a brilliant representation of the choicest productions of the world's industry in both hemispheres.

THE PHILADELPHIA FIGHTING RAT.—This celebrated animal brings yet another antagonist to the field, as the following card from the Columbus (Ohio) Fact will show:

To the Editor of the Fact:

Dear Sir,—Having seen several notices in your paper of the celebrated fighting rat of a Mr. Donlan, of Philadelphia—one in particular, in which Mr. D. gives a challenge to all the dogs in the Buckeye State, I have delayed this long in hopes to see this banter taken up, not having dared to accept. I now take leave to inform Mr. Donlan that I have a small dog of the terrier and spaniel breed, that I am willing shall fight his rat for \$100, or any further amount he may please. I am not a sporting character, but I cannot allow the great State of Ohio to be backed out by a Philadelphia rat. I am, sir, yours,

DANIEL SHREAD.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 29, '52.

## TELL YOUR WIFE.

Yes, the only way is to tell your wife just how you stand. Show her your balance sheet. Let her look over the items. You think it will hurt her feelings. No, it won't do any such thing. She has been taught that money is with you, just as little boys think it is with their fathers, hard to be reached, yet inexhaustible. She has had her suspicions already. She has guessed you were not so prosperous as you talked. But you have so befogged your money affairs that she, poor thing, knows nothing about them. Tell it right out to her, that you are living outside of your income. Take her into partnership, and I'll warrant you'll never regret it. There may be a slight shower at first, but that's natural. Let her see your estimate, and when you come home again she will show you that you have put her bills too high. True, she had an eight-dollar bonnet last winter, but "it is just as good as ever; a few shillings will provide it with new strings, and refit it a little;—the shape," she says, "is almost exactly as they wear them now."

And you will be surprised to see how much less expensive she can make your own wardrobe. She will surprise you with a new vest—not exactly unfamiliar some how, looking as if in another shape you had seen it before—yet as a new vest, and scarcely costing a dollar where you had allowed five. Old cravats will experience a resurrection in her hands, coming but so rejuvenated that nobody, but those that are let into the secret, would suspect that they are old friends in new shapes. The gown you were going to buy—out of what forgotten chest she has gathered the materials you cannot imagine—but there it is, comfortable and warm, and just the thing you wanted for the long winter evenings that are coming on as fast as the almanac will let them.

You will find a wonderful change in her tastes and appetites. Whereas, she fancied what was a little out of season or just coming into market—now if beef is dear, she thinks "boiled mutton is delightful,—as tender as chicken." If lamb rises, and fish are plenty, she thinks "a striped bass is so good, occasionally," and always insists on having it Fridays. Whereas, before she must hear all the musical celebrities—now, she is "out of all patience" with these foreign singers. If Jenny Lind were to return and sing some of our own sweet airs, she'd like to hear her; but she has had enough of Italian extravagances, all written on the ledger lines below or above, as if it were a sin to tarry long on the common staff.

Before you have thought much about it you will find yourself spending most of your evenings at home, and such evenings too! so full of domestic enjoyment, and fireside pleasures, that you will look with wonder on the record of last year's expenses and marvel that you found time or relish for the costly entertainments that so seriously taxed your port-monnaie.

My dear friend, if like Spaul, your outgoes threaten to exceed your income, be sure and tell your wife of it. Not in a tone and manner that will lead her to think you don't want her to buy furs this winter, but just as if you wanted a counsellor in the day of your trouble. And if she does not come up, heart and soul, and most successfully to your relief, put me down for no prophet, and her for no specimen of a Yankee lass.—N. Y. Times.

It has been discovered that where a lot of boarders are fed for some time on sausages exclusively, they begin to growl.

## MARRIED.

On Thursday, the 6th instant, by the Rev. Smith Pyne, C. G. BAYLOR, esq., U. S. Consul at Amsterdam, to LOUISA D., eldest daughter of the late Commander Wat'sworth.

On the 6th instant, by the Rev. C. M. Butler, Mr. GEORGE W. BAMBERGER, of Washington, to Miss ANN ELIZABETH INGERSOLL, of Somerset county, Maryland.

## DIED.

On the morning of the 6th instant, after a long and protracted illness, which she bore with christian fortitude, Mrs. SARAH CLEMENTS, in the 66th year of her age.

Her friends and acquaintances and those of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her son-in-law, Thomas Bayne, esq., on 8th street, Navy Yard, near the Garrison, on Sunday, the 9th instant, at 2 o'clock p. m.

On Wednesday, 5th instant, SIDNEY TRAVERS aged 73 years, long a resident of this city.

In Prince George's county, Maryland, on the 29th of December, OLIVIA E., wife of Dr. T. Jones, late of Montgomery county, Maryland, and daughter of the late Dr. Alexander Edmonston, in the 57th year of her age.

On the 23d of October last, Mrs. ELIZABETH ANN HILLEARY, wife of John M. Hilleary, esq., and daughter of the late James Waring, all of Prince George's county, Maryland.

Postponement.—The Ball of the Washington Light Infantry, owing to the occupation of Jackson Hall by the Washington Assemblies, is necessarily postponed until Wednesday, the 12th instant. Those having purchased tickets will please take notice.

Inauguration of the Statue of General Jackson.—The Aids and Assistant Marshals are requested to report to the Chief Marshal for duty at the City Hall, at 9½ o'clock on the morning of the 8th of January.

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GEORGE W. HUGHES, Chief Marshal.

The San Luis and Potosi (Mexican) papers contain an advertisement signed by Henry May, of Baltimore, offering a reward of \$500 to any one that will give exact information as to the whereabouts of a silver mine in Rio Verde, owned by Dr. Gardiner, and \$500 more to any one that will show in the same district a quicksilver mine pretended to be owned by Dr. Mears.

Over 22,000 children are attending the public schools in Boston, where they have a law to punish truants.

A State Teacher's Association was in session in Columbus, Ohio, during the past week. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were in attendance, not only from Ohio, but from several other States.

A man named Archibald Hamilton, was fined in Providence, on Friday, \$7.04 for stealing one copy of the Providence Journal. Served him right. Rather a dear paper that!

Governor Ross's annual message to the legislature of Delaware appears in the Wilmington Gazette of Tuesday. The Governor in this document notices the demise of Clay and Webster in appropriate terms; rejoices over the prosperity of the nation; notices the completion of the labors of the commission to revise and digest the civil and criminal code of the State; also, the opening of the Newcastle and Wilmington railroad; and speaks in favor of projected railroad from New York to Norfolk, from which he thinks there should be a branch to Lewes, passing through Milford and Milton. Upon this subject the Governor enlarges, and recommends that the means and credit of the State be applied to the purpose.

The steamer Martha Washington conspiracy case is progressing at Columbus. The testimony is very strong against the defendants.

## EIGHTH OF JANUARY BANQUET AT JACKSON HALL.

TICKETS for the banquet are deposited for sale at the National Hotel, Brown's Hotel, the United States Hotel, the Irving House, Willard's Hotel, Flint's, and S. Parker's Fancy store. A limited number will be sold. Ladies tickets \$2. Gentlemen's tickets \$3. The banquet will commence at 7 o'clock precisely.

P. B. KEY, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

Congregational Church, 5th street. REV. GEORGE CLARK, of Connecticut, is expected to preach in this church, to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, and again in the evening at 7 o'clock. Subject for the evening's discourse: *The Book of Life*. Mr. Clark is an Evangelist, and as such has been invited to hold a series of meetings with a view of a revival of religion. These meetings will be continued at 7 o'clock on every evening through the week. Not only the congregation now worshipping in that house, but all others are cordially invited to attend.

Great Temperance Meeting at Temperance Hall. Mr. James Burns, of England, and others, will address the meeting on Sunday night, at 7 o'clock. All persons having petitions will hand them in. Come all.

GEO. SAVAGE, Pres. F. V. T. A. S.

FLANK COMPANY, FIRST REGIMENT. Washington Light Infantry.—You are hereby ordered to meet at your Armory on Saturday, January 8th, at 8 o'clock, A. M., in full winter uniform for parade. By order: H. RICHIEY, O. S.

JACKSON MONUMENT PROCESSION.—The Regalia for the Aids and Assistant Marshals will be ready for delivery by Friday evening, 7th instant, at PARKER'S Fancy and Perfumery Store, Pa. av., under National Hotel.

WHITE BERLIN GLOVES. SUITABLE for the Jackson Procession, a good article, and only 12½ cents, for sale at LAMMOND'S 7th street Fancy Store, second door below E. Jan 7—1t

REWARD OF FIVE DOLLARS will be given to the finder of a CAMERO BREADSPIN, which was lost at the President's House on New Year's Day, by leaving it at Col. J. G. Berrett's on 13th street between E and F streets. Jan 5—3t

COMBS. JUST RECEIVED, a large assortment of Tucking, Side, Dressing, Riding, Fine Ivory and other COMBS. Also, an abundance of Porte Monnaies of every grade and for sale, very low, at LAMMOND'S 7th street Fancy Store, second door below E. Jan 7—1t

A liberal discount to those who buy to sell again. Jan 5—3t

## BIRTH-NIGHT BALL of the Old Franklin.

THE FRANKLIN FIRE COMPANY take pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Washington and vicinity that they will give their Fifth Annual Ball, at Jackson Hall, ON THE 17TH OF JANUARY, and will spare neither pains nor expense to make it one of the best Balls of the season.

MANAGERS. John H. Sessford, Joseph L. Reece, E. C. Eckloff, C. J. Canfield, Robt. E. Doyle, Wm. H. Fanning, T. Edmonston, George Walker, A. Sioussa, Wm. Fisher. Good Cotillion music has been engaged. Tickets \$1, admitting one gentleman and ladies. They can be had at the following places: First Ward, J. L. Savage; Second Ward, Butt's Drug Store, Rich. Downer's, Horace Ritter's, and M. Comb's; Third Ward, Patterson's Drug Store; Fourth Ward, J. Powers and F. Benter's; Fifth Ward, J. Casparis; Sixth Ward, J. Kelly; Seventh Ward, Clark's Drug Store.

AN ARRIVAL at BROWN'S HOTEL. Just received from the manufactory of Wm. L. McCauley, of Baltimore—One case of Patent Cork-Sole Boots One case of Double-Sole Boots One case Dress Boots For sale at the Fashionable Boot Store of J. MILLS. dec 4

## AMUSEMENTS.

## THE AZTECS.

These extraordinary little creatures, scarce two feet high, are giving three entertainments daily at Iron Hall, to wit: from 10 to 12, 3 to 5, and 7 to 9. Tickets 25 cents, Children 12½. They are assisted every night by Madame Rosalie Durand, Signor Antonio Novellia, Mr. Goodall, and Le Petite Ole Bull. A better entertainment cannot be well got up at any price.

A lecture descriptive of the history and origin of the AZTECS will be given every exhibition. Jan 3—dlw

## BRILLIANT SUCCESS!

EDEN, EDEN! THEN THE FLOOD, And Thunder, Storm, and Deluge! IN ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

DR. BEALE'S new Panorama and Diorama of Creation and Deluge was opened in Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday evening, December 22d, at 7½ o'clock. Exhibitions every evening, and on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at three o'clock. Extra exhibitions for select parties and excursion parties. The painting is fresh from the hands of the master of American artists, GEO. HILGEL, esq., of Philadelphia, and is considered to be his masterpiece. In these days of Panoramas Dr. BEALE could not expect to succeed in the nation's capital with a mere common-place painting; but of the perfections of this work—the beauty of Eden, the purity of the sky and the water scenery, the majestic God-like form of Adam, the fascinating charms of Eve, the enchanting wiles of the temptation, the stern resistance, the final fall, and the terrible expulsion—let a Washington audience be the judges.

Admission twenty-five cents, children half price. Liberal arrangements for schools. dec 30—

## NATIONAL THEATRE.

Mr. E. A. MARSHALL.....SOLE LESSEE.

Benefit and last appearance of the BATEMAN CHILDREN.

THIS EVENING, JANUARY 7, Will be presented the fifth act of RICHARD THIRD.

Richard Third.....Miss ELLEN BATEMAN. Richmond.....Miss KATE BATEMAN.

After which, the first act of PAUL PRY.

Paul Pry.....Miss ELLEN BATEMAN. Phoebe.....Miss KATE BATEMAN.

MEDLEY DANCE.....MISS ANNIE WALTERS.

To be followed by the popular Comedy of the YOUNG COUPLE.

Charles de Blonville.....Miss ELLEN BATEMAN. Henrietta de Ligny.....Miss KATE BATEMAN.

To conclude with the farce of THE WINDMILL.

## GRAND MILITARY AND CIVIC BALL.

THE Committee of Arrangements take pleasure in announcing that the Annual Ball of the WASHINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY will take place on Monday night, the 10th of January, at Jackson Hall. As it is the intention of the company to conduct this Ball similar to those given in former years, the committee deem it proper to state that a supper will be furnished by a competent caterer, and every effort will be made to make it equal to any ball ever given by the company.

Tickets \$2, to be had at the usual places. JOSEPH B. TATE, JOHN F. TUCKER, JAMES KELLY, JOHN W. MEAD, JUDSON O. WARNER, JAMES E. POWERS, J. K. MARSOLETTI, J. F. MITCHELL, JAMES A. KING, Committee of Arrangements. Wm. W. S. KERR, Treasurer. dec 21

R. H. LASKEY, Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law. PRACTICES in the Courts of the District, and prosecutes claims of every description before the several Executive Departments and before Congress. Office on Louisiana avenue near Sixth street. dec 30—

EMBROIDERIES.—I wish to call the attention of the ladies to my stock of the above goods, which will compare with any in the city in style and price—Lace and Muslin Chemisettes Do do Collars Do do Sleeves Muslin Caps and Cuffs Cambric Chemisettes and Sleeves Do Collars and Cuffs A. TATE, Agent. A new and splendid assortment of Mourning Goods.

## LUMBER YARD.

JOHN B. WARD, keeps constantly on hand a good assortment of lumber, which will be sold on accommodating terms. dec 30—1m 12th street and canal.

LIME! LIME!—1,500 bushels fresh wood burned, just received from the kiln. Also, wood and Coal of all kinds. WM. WARDER, corner of 12th and C sts. For sale by dec 30—6t

## WOOD AND COAL.

THE celebrated Dauphin coal, and a full supply of oak, pine, and hickory wood. W. STONE, on the canal south of 7th st. bridge. For sale by dec 30—6t

## WM. BIRD.

Dealer in Lumber and Coal. WILL have the accounts of his customers ready for presentation on the 1st of January, 1853. dec 30—6t

## M. T. PARKER,

House and Sign Painter and Glazier, RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he is prepared to execute work in his profession as punctually and at as reasonable rates as it can be done in Washington. Orders left at his room on Louisiana avenue, between 6th and 7th sts., or at his residence on C street, rear of his room, will receive prompt attention. dec 14

HASTINGS' COMPOUND SYRUP OF NAPHTHA. A positive cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, and all diseases of the chest and lungs. A single bottle will prove its efficacy. Prepared by Dr. G. Hastings, London. Price \$1 per bottle. Sold by S. R. SYLVESTER, Chemist and Druggist, cor. 6th and H sts. dec 16—eo2w

## NEW AND SPLENDID GOODS.

WRITING Desks, Ladies Work Boxes Gentlemen's Shaving Cases Eight-day Clocks, a superior article Porte Monnaies, Bird Cages, &c. received and for sale low at the 7th street Fancy Store, 2d below E. dec 23—3t A. LAMMOND.

## SOMETHING NEW.

JUST RECEIVED—One case of Madame Sontag Button Gaiters for Ladies Also, Ladies' Half Gaiters And for sale by HARRIS & GRIFFIN, Penn. avenue, bet. 9th and 10th streets, next door to W. Harper & Co dec 16